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Ms. Cecilia Tapia
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
901 North 5th Street
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Re: Lead Concentrate Truck Driver Information Request

Dear Ms. Tapia:

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources' (MDNR) Hazardous Waste Program (HWP) has initiated a Pre-CERCLIS Site Screening (SS) of lead concentrate haul routes in the following counties: Jefferson, St. Genevieve, Perry, Crawford, Wayne, St. Francois, Madison, Bollinger, Washington, Scott, Reynolds, Iron and Cape Girardeau. This Southeast Missouri Lead Haul Roads (SEMO Lead Haul Roads) project is an expansion of the Viburnum Trend Lead Haul Roads (VTLHR) project the HWP initiated in 2002. We are requesting the assistance of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with gathering information for this project in order to investigate truck drivers' residences as part of the SEMO Lead Haul Roads site.

VTLHR Background

The VTLHR site is located in Dent, Iron, and Reynolds Counties and includes over 100 miles of highway. VTLHR Removal Assessments completed by the HWP in 2002 and 2003 found 34 per cent of the residential properties sampled contained lead in excess of 400 ppm. These remedial activities have revealed that properties of lead concentrate truck drivers tend to be highly contaminated. The truck drivers typically park their truck at their home when not in use. Residual lead concentrate is either washed off by the driver or is deposited at the property through wind and rain.

As part of the SEMO Lead Haul Roads project, the HWP will be collecting information on current and historic lead concentrate truck haul routes leading from the lead mines in the Old and New Lead Belts to the smelter in Herculaneum and to SEMO Port, located on the Mississippi River near Scott City. These haul routes include over 800 miles of state and federal highways in the following counties: Jefferson, St. Genevieve, Perry, Crawford, Wayne, St. Francois, Madison, Bollinger, Washington, Scott, Reynolds, Iron and Cape Girardeau. We are gathering information now and plan to begin sampling in Jefferson County in the fall of 2009.



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The HWP will obtain names and addresses of residents along these routes and also acquire documentation on lead concentrate spill sites along these routes. Additionally, the HWP would like to obtain information on the truck drivers who haul the lead concentrate in order to investigate their residential properties as part of the SEMO Lead Haul Roads project.

The HWP requests that the EPA issue information requests to the past and current lead concentrate trucking companies to obtain detailed information on the truck drivers. This information should include:

1. Drivers name and address (all addresses while hauling)
2. Number of years hauling lead concentrate
3. Trucking Companies driver was employed through
4. All routes of travel in the truck (full or empty; to and from home and while working)
5. Location(s) of truck when not in use

The HWP has discussed this investigation and coordinated efforts with Mr. Jeff Weatherford and Mr. Bruce Morrison of your staff. We appreciate your assistance in this project. If you have questions or concerns regarding this information request, please contact me at 573-751-2747 or Ms. Valerie Wilder, of my staff, in writing at the Department of Natural Resources, PO Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0176, by telephone at 573-751-7880, or by e-mail at valerie.wilder@dnr.mo.gov.

Sincerely,

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